

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed March 19, 2004 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 1-5, 8-9, 11, 16-19, 21-22, and 27 has been amended. Claim 28 has been added. No new subject matter has been added. Claims 10-15, 23, and 27 have been cancelled. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 16-22, 24-26 and 28 are currently pending.

In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 11-18 would remain rejected if the previous amendment was entered. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. The Examiner also indicated that claims 1-5, 7-9, 19-22, 24-26 and 28 would be allowed, and that claim 27 would be objected to. Applicants thank the Examiner for this notification. The claims herein have been amended to present only the subject matter indicated as allowable by the Examiner. That is, the claim amendments previously presented, but un-entered and considered allowable are included in the present amendments. In addition, the subject matter of objected-to claim 27 has been incorporated into base claim 16, and claims 11-15 and 27 have been cancelled.

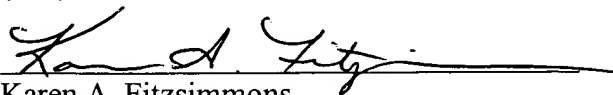
It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (claims 1-5, 7-9, 16-22, 24-26 and 28) is in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,



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